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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

RYAN F. PITARO

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 have been examined.

Response to Amendment

2. This action is in response to the Amendment filed 6/12/2008. In the Amendment no claims were amended. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 11 are independent. The finality of the previous rejection has been withdrawn. This action is non-final.

Specification

3. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: In this instance Applicant has failed to provide antecedent basis for the claim terminology "Computer readable media". Therefore, the Examiner can reasonably interpret media such as signals and other forms of transmission media since the specification's field of endeavor is specifically communication media.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claims 4-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As per claim 4, the Applicant has not provided an explicit and deliberate definition of the terminology "a computer readable storage structure ". Since the specification discloses propagation and transmission media, which are not a manufacture within the meaning of 101, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as failing to be limited to an embodiment which falls within a statutory category.

As per claims 5-10, the Applicants specification discloses that the means claimed may be reasonably implemented as software routines, which is a system of software per se and therefore fails to fall within a statutory category of invention.

As per claims 11-15, the Applicants specification discloses that the means claimed may be reasonably implemented as software routines, which is a system of software per se and therefore fails to fall within a statutory category of invention. Although the apparatus is configured via instructions stored on a computer readable media, the Applicant has not provided an explicit and deliberate definition, nor mention of the terminology "computer readable media ". Since the specification discloses propagation and transmission media, which are not a manufacture within the meaning of 101, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as failing to be limited to an embodiment which falls within a statutory category.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach a multimedia presentation of a plurality of slides arranged in columns and displayed successively one after, each of which includes various media components, particular slides are shown to include media components, including text, images, and audio, the different media components are provided in different columns, side-by-side and displayed in parallel, for editing purposes along with all of the other claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RYAN F. PITARO whose telephone number is (571)272-4071. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm Mondays through Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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